

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Lifts and Escalators Ordinance came into full operation on 17 December 2012, but incidents related to lifts and escalators are still happening from time to time and some of them have led to passenger injuries and aroused public concern. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, being the enforcement authority of the Ordinance, indicates that it will continue the stepped-up inspection and enforcement actions, public education and publicity efforts. In this regard, please advise on the following:

1. Since the enforcement of the Ordinance, what are the respective numbers of incidents of lifts and escalators in each year?
2. Has the Government considered allocating more resources to increase the percentage of examination of lifts and escalators with respect to the total number of existing lifts and escalators? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

1. The vast majority of the incidents of lifts and escalators arose from their inappropriate use. There had been a falling trend in the number of incidents of lifts and escalators related to equipment failure in the past three years as given in Table 1:

Table 1

<b>Year</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Number of lift incidents related to equipment failure</b>	21	5	4
<b>Number of escalator incidents related to equipment failure</b>	8	3	0

2. The Government has allocated more resources to step up the audit inspection of lifts and escalators. In 2014-15, one professional engineer and nine inspectors were added

to the team on lift and escalator safety including the carrying out of audit inspection and incident investigation on lifts and escalators. The number and percentage of lifts and escalators inspected have increased from 9 173 and 15.3% in 2012 to 12 273 and 17.2% in 2014. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to review the number of audit inspections required from time to time according to the needs.

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